

## MARKET FOR WEST VIRGINIA COAL ABROAD

The State Department Receives Reports from Consuls in the European Centers Concerning

## A COAL FAMINE IN EUROPE

Good Market for West Virginia Bituminous Coal on the Other Side of the Atlantic.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—It will be of much interest in the coal producing regions of West Virginia to learn of the bright prospects in Europe for the introduction of American coal, owing to the famine existing there at present.

According to reports received at the state department from its consuls in Europe, the famine is daily becoming more intense. This is especially true in Austria-Hungary, where the natural stringency, owing to the curtailment of the English supply, is aggravated by the existence of a prolonged strike among the coal miners. In many places our consuls report that schools are closing and factories shutting down owing to the scarcity of coal.

These conditions present an excellent opportunity for West Virginia coal to be shipped there in large quantities.

## NO FEAR OF INFLATION

Under the Operations of the New Financial Bill Beyond the Ordinary Needs of Our Increased Trade—Will Not Exceed Existing Needs in the West and South.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—In view of recently expressed apprehensions as to the effect of certain features of the new financial law, the following statement was made to-day by Chairman Brodus, of the house committee on banking and currency, and one of the house conferees on the financial bill:

"The apprehension expressed in many quarters that under the banking features of the financial bill recently passed there will be some inflation I do not doubt has some ground. It would be unfortunate if there was not, for we need more currency. I have no doubt that there will be a gradual increase in our circulation to meet the requirements of trade. It must be considered in connection with this subject that there are three natural checks upon excessive issues of bank currency under the new law.

"These checks will operate automatically to restrain excessive issues of bank currency under the new law. It may be assumed that the 10 per cent. authorized to be issued on bonds already deposited will be put out. That will not exceed in amount \$24,000,000 in round numbers, which is scarcely more than 1 per cent. of the total volume of our circulation, and can do no harm. It is impossible to make an accurate forecast of the amount of currency that will be put out by the new banks that will be organized. There is no good reason to believe that it will exceed the existing need in the south and west, where great inconvenience has been suffered for lack of additional bank currency."

## INVESTIGATION

Into Permits for Mining Had Been Let Under the Sea Near Cape Nome, Alaska—Additional Urgent Deficiency Bill Passed—Conference Report on Puerto Rican Appropriation Bill to be Called Up.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Upon the authority of the governor of Alaska, Mr. Turner (Washington) made the statement in the senate to-day that concessions for gold mining in the bed of the sea near Cape Nome, Alaska, had been granted by the secretary of war, and upon that statement he based a resolution of inquiry. Senator Turner said that if such a grant had been made it was "a shame, a reproach and a scandal." The resolution was agreed to.

In a few minutes, and without discussion, the additional urgent deficiency bill was passed, with one or two other measures of importance. Mr. Allison gave notice that he would call up to-morrow the conference report on the Puerto Rican appropriation bill.

## THE LOUD BILL

Making Considerable Noise in the House.

During the debate in the house to-day upon the Loud bill relating to second-class mail matter, there was a sharp exchange between Mr. McPherson (Rep., Iowa) and Mr. Lenz (Dem., Ohio) over a charge made by the former that the latter was the attorney for the lobby which is fighting the bill. Otherwise the debate was without incident. Both the friends and opponents of the measure express the belief that the vote to-morrow will be close. Mr. Loud has agreed to accept two amendments, one to increase the number of sample copies which newspapers can send out at second-class rates from 500 to 2,000, and the other to limit the provision requiring newspapers to separate their mail to those having in excess of 5,000 circulation. These are all the concessions he will make. He says the debate has strengthened the bill, and he believes it will pass. The speakers to-day were Messrs. Brownell (Ohio), Griggs (Ga.), McPherson

(Iowa), Burke (Texas), Bingham (Pa.), Hearse (Iowa), and Lathimer (S. C.) in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Moon (Tenn.), Lenz (Ohio), Vandiver (Mo.), Snodgrass (Tenn.), Cochran (Mo.), and Neville (Neb.), against it.

## EXAGGERATED REPORTS

Of Mortality in Army in the Philippines Denied.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—War department officials deny recently published statements that General Otis' campaign is costing upward of 1,000 men every month. According to the official records, since the American occupation of the Philippines, June 1, 1898, up to February 17, 1900, the date of the last official compilation, the actual mortality in the army in the Philippines was sixty-five officers and 1,460 men, a total of 1,525, or at the rate of seventy-four deaths a month.

More details are contained in the report of Colonel Woodhull, chief surgeon of the Philippine army. His report, however, does not extend beyond the end of the last calendar year. It shows that from the time American troops landed in Manila up to December 1, 1899, the total number of deaths were fifty-eight officers, and 1,368 men. Of this number forty-two officers and 570 men have died by violence and sixteen officers and 693 men died of disease. Most of the deaths by violence occurred in battle. There were, however, 137 deaths from violence outside of actual hostilities. It is a singular fact that more than one-half of the latter class of deaths were caused by drowning. The total number of wounded without fatal results during the period covered by the report was 1,767.

## DISPOSITION OF ESTATES

In England Discussed in Executive Session of Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—In the executive session of the senate to-day two efforts to amend the treaty between the United States and Great Britain relative to the disposition of estates were defeated by very decisive votes. One of the amendments offered was to strike out section 5 of the agreement extending the same privilege to each of the two nations in the matter of acquiring or holding property that may be extended to any other nations. The motion to amend was lost—17 to 30. The other proposed amendment related to the striking out of the provision authorizing the queen of Great Britain or the President of the United States to extend the provisions of the treaty to dependencies of the two countries. This also was lost on a vote of about the same proportions as the other. The principal speeches in support of the amendments and in opposition to the spirit of the treaty were made by Senators Jones, of Arkansas, Turner, Pettigrew and Sullivan. They were replied to by the Republican members of the committee on foreign relations. The debate was entirely legal in its scope. The treaty will be taken up again to-morrow.

## FRIENDS OF PUERTO RICAN

Bill Are More Confident—Harmony Committee Work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The friends of the Puerto Rico tariff bill in the senate are more confident than ever that they will be able to pass the measure. It is claimed that the quiet work which the harmony committee has been doing is having effect, and the opponents of the tariff are not so determined as they were a short time ago. The argument is being made that this being a Republican measure it ought not to be defeated by Republican votes.

## Beveridge Willing to Wait.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The Post to-morrow will say:

"On account of earnest efforts being made by Republican senators to reach an agreement of Puerto Rico which all senators can consistently support, Senator Beveridge will not for the present urge his amendment for free trade with that island, but will postpone such action until such agreement as the Republican senators are able to make is reported. The senator desires it understood that he has not abandoned his position and that he will vote to sustain the principle enunciated in the President's message."

## Internal Revenue Collections.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that for the month of February, 1900, the total receipts from all sources were \$20,898,665, an increase as compared with the same month in 1899 of \$1,160,675. During the last eight months the total receipts were \$195,698,807, an increase over the corresponding period of last year of \$16,825,184.

## Registering Letters by Carriers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Beginning next month, seventy-three additional postoffices will adopt the system of registering letters by carriers. The new system will then be in operation in 397 cities.

## STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Up Against Nebraska Supreme Court.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 21.—The supreme court this evening, overruled the demurrer of the Standard Oil Company to the suit brought against it, and named April 1 next, as the date for trial. The action is one brought by the attorney general, charging the Standard Oil Company with violation of the anti-trust laws of Nebraska, and seeking to oust its agencies from the state. The Standard Oil Company demurred to the attorney general's contention that the case could be brought before the supreme court as a court of original jurisdiction, claiming that the case was of a criminal nature, which must originate in a lower tribunal. The supreme court to-day decides it has jurisdiction.

## TRUSTEE

Appointed for Get-Rick-Quick Concern.

CHICAGO, March 21.—After considerable bitter opposition from creditors a trustee was to-day appointed for the bankrupt commission investment company, an alleged "get-rich-quick" concern which failed recently and which is said to have swindled people all over the country. The liabilities of the concern are in the neighborhood of \$500,000. It is said the creditors of the company number more than fifteen hundred, although only about five hundred have filed their claims.

## REPUBLICAN ENTHUSIASM AT GRAFTON.

The Republican Mass Convention Held at Grafton Yesterday Was a Hummer.

## JUDGE HOLT FOR CONGRESS.

The Judge Was Called Upon for a Speech, and Ringing Resolutions Were Adopted.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

GRAFTON, W. Va., March 21.—If there were any lingering doubts about the political enthusiasm of Taylor county Republicans this year, it was dispelled by the marvelous outpouring of people and the white-heat fervor in evidence at the mass convention here to-day for the purpose of electing delegates to the Second district congressional convention.

From the time that County Chairman B. F. Bailey rapped for order and called upon Dr. E. L. Love to preside until the hour of adjournment the convention was a hummer, both in size and zeal.

Delegates were elected to the state delegate convention, at Fairmont, to the district convention and to the congressional convention.

The convention enthusiastically instructed for Judge John H. Holt, for Congress, and after the election of delegates, pandemonium broke loose, until the judge, in response to calls that would not be denied, entered the court room, amid the wildest applause, and made one of his old-time eloquent speeches. State Auditor LaFollette, who was present, also responded briefly to calls for a speech. Hon. W. S. Meredith, Marion county's candidate for Congress, was an interested spectator, but left before the speechmaking began.

The following resolutions were adopted with great enthusiasm, and without a dissenting voice:

Whereas, The Republicans of Taylor county, in convention assembled, recognize that the wisdom, dignity and patriotism of the present administration has given to this great republic a place of honor among the nations of the world, and by the glorious achievements of its army and navy on land and sea, made the United States one of the foremost powers in the earth; and

Whereas, We recognize, further, that not only has this administration, by its wise legislation and executive ability, given an unparalleled prominence abroad, but has at the same time and within the short space of three years, given us unprecedented prosperity at home; in proof of which we point with satisfaction to-day to the restoration of commercial confidence, the revival of industrial interests, the substitution of employment for idleness, and the transformation from penury to plenty; and

Whereas, We heartily endorse the state administration, and especially commend it for the fidelity shown in the management of the business affairs of the state, whereby large savings have been made of the people's money; and

We appreciate with all its significance the fact that the maintenance of our present exalted standing abroad as well as the permanency of our prosperity at home depends wholly upon the continuance in power of that party that made these things possible; and to that end upon the unflinching choice of presidential and congressional candidates; in the coming campaign, which with all its vital interests is the most momentous in our national history; and

Whereas, We are firmly convinced that in a great political struggle the crucial contest now approaching the Republican nomination for President should be a man who enjoys the unbounded confidence of the American people, with ability undoubted, integrity unimpeached, and patriotism unquestioned; and that the congressional candidate of that party in the Second district of West Virginia, should be a man of marked personality and distinguished qualities, broad enough to close every breach, tall enough to be above every faction, eloquent enough to enthuse every audience, popular enough to poll every vote, and strong enough to elect not only himself, but every legislative delegate in the Second Congressional district, in fine, a man whose nomination will not only be equivalent to his own election, but who by the inspiration of his candidacy and the vigor of his canvass will conduce to the election of a Republican legislature that shall forever strike from the statute books of West Virginia the unjust and inequitable gerrymander of the Republican nomination for President should be a man who enjoys the unbounded confidence of the American people, with ability undoubted, integrity unimpeached, and patriotism unquestioned; 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